

CITY PROTESTS FREIGHT RULES

Merchants Object to Hauling Products to Davenport to Be Placed in Cars for Shipment.

DISCRIMINATION IS CLAIMED

Mayor Appeals to Railroads That Adequate Refrigeration Be Provided Here.

Certain merchants and manufacturers of this city have prevailed upon Mayor William McConochie to communicate with H. A. Huber, superintendent of refrigeration for the Rock Island lines, for the purpose of ascertaining why the Rock Island road is discriminating against such business in this city by forcing the firms involved to haul their products to Davenport before they can be loaded on refrigerating cars to keep them from freezing while enroute to their destination.

The company discontinued the placing of refrigerating cars at the Twentieth street freight depot in this city some time ago and since then wholesale grocers, other such business houses and manufacturing interests have been compelled to haul their products to Davenport where loading is done at the Davenport freight house. It is claimed that on the coldest days many of the articles thus hauled have been frozen before reaching the loading point and considerable loss is caused thereby.

Loss by Freezing.

Large amounts of freight are billed by local firms to small towns nearby and many of these shipments are perishable through freezing.

Mayor McConochie in his letter to the superintendent of refrigeration not only asks that the company resume its former service of placing the warmer refrigeration cars at the disposal of local business interests, but also asks that the company take immediate steps to build more adequate freight depot in this city, such as has been agitated for a long time.

BIG TEN TO OPEN BASKETBALL YEAR IN GAMES TONIGHT

Chicago, Jan. 11.—The western conference basketball season will open tonight with six of the 10 teams in action. Purdue will meet Chicago at Chicago; Northwestern will oppose Wisconsin at Madison, while Indiana will clash with Minnesota at Minneapolis. The season will end on March 15. The University of Wisconsin, which won the 1918 championship, is reported to have been defeated by another team of championship strength.

The remaining teams in the conference—Illinois, Ohio, Michigan and Iowa, will open their season next week.

GIVES HUGE FISH TO BETHANY HOME PEOPLE; THANKS!

Boy, page the waterworks community.

Bethany home attendants want to thank the engineer at the waterworks who was so kind as to present them with a fish weighing 33½ pounds. Thirty-six people enjoyed a meal, they say, and they want to show that they appreciate such gifts, but they don't know the name of the man who was so kind.

COAL VALLEY

T. R. Lees was a Rock Island caller Tuesday.

Miss Sophie Lynch, instructor in the Coal Valley high school, returned her duties after an absence of a week, illness preventing her from work.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lees and daughter were Rock Island callers Wednesday.

Hugh R. Martin has sold his home to William Marks for \$1,500. Mr. Martin recently bought the beautiful new home of John Linquist.

Miss Laura Wetzel entertained the Young People's society of the Lutheran church at her home Tuesday evening.

Private Henry Vieggers left for Camp Sevier, S. C., after a furlough spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Vieggers.

Mrs. J. M. Fryce was a Rock Island visitor Wednesday.

George Nitz of Joliet spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Nitz.

Mrs. Joseph Sommerman and Mrs. Herman Graetz were in Rock Island Monday.

Ed Martin of Moline was the guest of the week of his brother, Hugh Martin.

A sock available is to be given at the Coal Valley high school on Friday night. Each guest receives a sock in which he must place twice the number of pennies of the size of his sock. A program has been planned and a money will be served free. A large crowd is expected as well as a pleasant evening.

Clark Nelson, pending a week with his mother, Mrs. Ida Nelson, before the takes up his new work in Denver.

William Kraft of Defiance, Ohio, was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Kraft, Wednesday.

Miss Anna Pryce returned after a brief visit with her sister, Mrs. Charles J. Searle of Twentieth street, Rock Island.

Mrs. Walter Weaver was a Rock Island caller Wednesday.

Miss Bernice Weaver is recovered from her fall and recuperation on the chin.

The King's Daughters will be entertained at the home of Mrs. Walter Weaver Thursday afternoon.

A party of 18 enjoyed an out-of-fashion boat ride to Moline the first of the week. The party was composed of the Christian Endeavorers of the Presbyterian church.

Robert Ross has recovered from an attack of the grip.

Mrs. Myra Krapp and father were Moline callers Tuesday.

Mrs. T. R. Lees has been confined to her bed the last few days suffering with muscular rheumatism.

Miss Alice Pryce returned to the Villa after an extended vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lees and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Amel Carlson and daughter, Lillian, enjoyed a sleigh ride to the home of John Spargo, where they were served lunch on Tuesday night.

William Myers, Jr., returned to Chicago, where he is studying medicine, after a vacation of several weeks spent with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Myers.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

HOW POLISH AND BOLSHEVIKI TROOPS THREATEN GERMANY



Black portion of map indicates territory controlled by Poles. Figures indicate centers of action.

1—Polish troops continue advance towards Brandenburg, occupying rail station near Bentschen, which Germans announce they will defend at all costs. The solid black portion of the map shows the approximate limits of the territory controlled by the Poles. They are threatening to cut off Silesia from the rest of Germany. To the north

they are now claiming Danzig, which they want an international port. In Galicia the claims of the Poles and Ukrainians are unsettled and have resulted in heavy fighting in Lemberg.

2—Efforts to overthrow the Polish government at Warsaw failed.

3—According to reports from London, Germany has threatened to break off relations with Russia, owing to the Bolshevik advance through the Baltic provinces. A declaration of war is threatened.

4—Allied naval forces are in control of the Baltic coast regions near Loral and Riga, where they have driven the Bolshevik out by artillery fire.

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BUILDING WORK IS AT MINIMUM

City Inspector Has Little to Do When It Comes to Issuing Permits for Construction.

Work of C. V. Johnson, city building inspector, has been cut to the minimum with reference to the investigation and issuing of building permits for new construction projects. But one permit has been issued since Dec. 19, on which date the inspector gave out the last list of permits.

From Dec. 1 to Dec. 19 five permits were issued, which shows a vast decrease in the number issued in the month of November, although the number issued in that month was considerably under that of the months previous.

The last building permit was issued Dec. 20 to F. M. B. Chambers for J. Blake, 226 Twenty-first street, and is for a remodeling job at an estimated cost of \$250. Local building activities were practically totally curtailed by the government order last August that no work costing in excess of \$2,500 should be begun on account of the war. This order was enforced by the non-war construction bureau of the state council of defense.

The order was lifted immediately after the armistice had been signed, and although no large amount of construction work is carried on through the winter months, a considerable amount is being carried on this winter than is usual.

CELEBRATE PEACE FOR TWO DAYS IN ONE SCOTCH TOWN

How peace was celebrated in Greenock, Scotland, is told in an interesting letter written by James Martin to his aunt, Mrs. W. Graham, 315 Forty-fifth street, in part as follows:

"You will all be glad over there that the war has at last ended. It is a bad and dirty job well ended and the allies have reason to congratulate themselves on the final result."

"I suppose you will be interested to know how news of peace came to us? Of course everybody was practically certain, when the German delegates crossed the lines out in France on Thursday, Nov. 8, that the end was at hand. Still, there was just the odd chance that Jerry might turn down the terms so that week-end was a somewhat feverish one."

"Monday morning came with no news in the morning papers and everyone went to work in a condition of suppressed excitement. I think the news was received first in Greenock somewhere about 5 o'clock in the morning from a ship at the Tail-of-the-Bank which had picked it up by wireless, but it was

near 11 o'clock before the news got around officially.

"Then the bells began to ring and the work's hooters and sirens blew hysterically and there was generally a great old jamore. Everybody immediately left work and proceeded along the main streets to see what was doing, all wearing grins on their faces—it was right comical.

"In a short time the whole place was draped with flags and the pipes and brass bands of the Scotch fusiliers paraded up from the camp, pipers in full peace kit and playing hell for leather. At night the whole of the main street got decently lit up and the people thronged up and down while kids left off crackers under peoples' feet and under street cars and gave themselves no end of amusement.

"All together it was a mad and merry day and for once to crown it, the sun shone out of the cloudless sky. And yet behind the smiles there was merely a sober sense of thankfulness that the end had at last arrived and the most common remark one hears was, 'Thank God, it's finished.'

"There was a two-day holiday and then back to work and now we're busy switching back on the old jobs.

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"That part of the letter containing the quotation is appended: 'It may interest you to know that the American soldiers have made a particularly good impression on this side, more especially in France. Here's a quotation from a letter from France. 'The doughboys are well in evidence out here and are fine a crowd as one would wish to meet. Their whole heart is in the war and their only fear is that the war will end too soon, but I don't think they need have any fear on that score. The difference is we are weary and they are fresh!'

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EARLING LEAVES THE MILWAUKEE

Ends 53 Years of Service By Resigning from Chairmanship of Board of Directors.

Albert J. Earling, after 53 years of service with the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad, yesterday resigned as chairman of the board of directors of the road.

R. M. Calkins, who was elected to the presidency of the road last October after Mr. Earling resigned from that position, is to fill the now vacant position of chairman of the board, according to reports.

Mr. Earling is reported to have been in failing health for some time, and on this account decided to give up his active railroad work.

Since 1866, when Mr. Earling first entered the service of the Milwaukee as a telegrapher, he has been in continuous service.

He rose from telegrapher to train dispatcher, assistant superintendent, division superintendent, assistant general superintendent, general manager, second vice president, president and chairman of the board of directors.

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A leading layman, a woman and a representative of the young people of each church have also been asked to go to Chicago for the two days. The moderator of general assembly and representatives of the boards of the church are engaged in a tour covering 20 of the leading cities of the country. To these centers the representatives of churches in the vicinity have been called for conference.

The Presbyterian church last May adopted a five-year advance program, arranged a joint budget of the nine boards of the church and is planning to help every local congregation to do more efficient work for conference.

Last Sunday cards were distributed giving every Presbyterian an opportunity to indicate just what form of definite church work they would undertake this year. The questions showed a number of leaders, so it is said, that they have not been as active as they might have been. It is expected that from this day's work alone a tremendous advance will be made.

The program at the Chicago meeting includes conferences for the various sorts of representatives who attend. Outstanding leaders of the church will propose plans of work which, it is expected, will further aid the local congregations to take advantage of their opportunities.

PASTORS TO ACT AS DELEGATES TO CHICAGO MEETING

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